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Applicant: MIURA, Hiroyuki et al.
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Appl. No.: New Group:
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For: PROCESS FOR SEPARATING IMIDE
COMPOUNDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 4, 2001

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

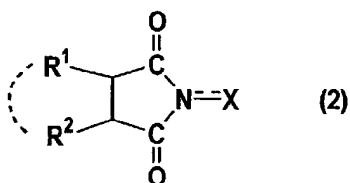
Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP01/02844 which has an International filing date of March 30, 2001, which designated the United States of America.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

34. (Amended) A process according to any of claim 1, 19, 29 or 33 wherein the imide compound is an imide compound represented by the following formula (2);



wherein R¹ and R² are the same or different, each representing a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group, an aryl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkoxy group, a carboxyl group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, or an acyl group; R¹ and R² may bond together to form a double bond or an aromatic- or non-aromatic ring; the aromatic- or non-aromatic ring composed of R¹ and R² may have at least one imide unit represented by the formula (1); and X has the same meaning as defined above.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

The claims have been amended to correct the dependencies.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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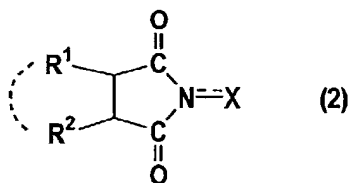
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IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

34. (Amended) A process according to any of [claim 1, 19 or 29] claim 1, 19, 29 or 33 wherein the imide compound is an imide compound represented by the following formula (2);



wherein R^1 and R^2 are the same or different, each representing a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group, an aryl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkoxy group, a carboxyl group, an alkoxy carbonyl group, or an acyl group; R^1 and R^2 may bond together to form a double bond or an aromatic- or non-aromatic ring; the aromatic- or non-aromatic ring composed of R^1 and R^2 may have at least one imide unit represented by the formula (1); and X has the same meaning as defined above.